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**Agenda Item 6**

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***Memorandum***

TO: Policy Advisory Council

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FR: Kenneth Kao

RE: Update on Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 2

**Background**

The State Legislature approved SB 99 and AB 101 in September 2013, establishing the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP seeks to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The ATP funding is distributed as follows:

- 50% to the state for a statewide competitive program (“Statewide ATP”);
- 10% to the small urban and rural area competitive program to be managed by the state; and
- 40% to the large urbanized area competitive program, with funding distributed by population and managed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (“Regional ATP”).

MTC is responsible for developing the region’s guidelines for the Regional ATP, and for submitting the proposed projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for adoption. MTC and CTC finalized Cycle 1 of ATP in 2014 (which covers FY 14-15 and FY 15-16), with the Bay Area receiving about \$57 million in ATP funds from both the Statewide and Regional ATP. Additional information about Cycle 1 ATP is available on MTC’s website at <http://mtc.ca.gov/funding/ATP/>.

**Cycle 2 Years and Funding Levels**

CTC and MTC are now preparing for Cycle 2 of ATP. Cycle 2 will cover three additional years, FY 16-17, FY 17-18, and FY 18-19. Staff estimates that funding levels will be similar to Cycle 1, with about \$180 million available for programming in the Statewide ATP, and \$30 million in the MTC Regional ATP.

**Cycle 2 Guidelines**

CTC released discussion draft guidelines for ATP Cycle 2 in late November, and held two workshops. The draft guidelines are available online at the CTC ATP website, at <http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/ATP.htm>. Generally, the draft statewide guidelines for ATP Cycle 2 are similar to those of Cycle 1. MTC staff provided comments on the draft statewide guidelines relating to a contingency list, schedule considerations, scoring criteria and weighting, and streamlining the allocation process. CTC expects to adopt the statewide guidelines at its meeting on March 25, 2015.

MTC staff expects the Cycle 2 Regional ATP Guidelines to be substantially similar to Cycle 1, with the requirement of a supplemental application and using MTC’s Communities of Concern definition to meet the Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) requirement. Further changes will be

presented as the Statewide Guidelines are further refined. MTC expects to adopt the regional guidelines in February 2015, and request CTC to approve MTC's guidelines on March 25, 2015.

### **Cycle 2 Schedule**

Assuming the above schedule for guideline adoption, the draft schedule for Cycle 2 is below. Note that the dates are subject to change.

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Statewide ATP</b>	<b>Regional ATP</b>
MTC Guideline Adoption	N/A	February 25, 2015
CTC Guideline Approval	March 25, 2015	March 25, 2015
Call for Projects	March 26, 2015	March 26, 2015
Application Due Date	June 1, 2015	June 1, 2015
Staff Recommendations	September 15, 2015	October 7, 2015
MTC Adoption	N/A	October 28, 2015
CTC Approval	October 22, 2015	December 10, 2015

### **Next Steps**

MTC staff encourages prospective applicants to visit the MTC and CTC ATP websites described earlier to follow any announcements regarding guidelines, applications, and changes to schedule. Both MTC and the State will hold application workshops after the release of the Call for Projects (likely in April).

Any questions regarding ATP should be directed to Kenneth Kao at [kkao@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:kkao@mtc.ca.gov), or (510) 817-5768.